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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Original) A pair of scissors comprising:

a first member including a cutting portion and a handle portion integral therewith;  
and

a second member pivotally connected to said first member and being disposed therebeneath, said second member including a cutting portion and an adjustable handle portion integral therewith, said adjustable handle portion including a thumb-receiving member and means for selectively pivoting same between first and second positions so that a user can operably move a thumb into and out of said adjustable handle portion, said selectively pivoting means comprising

a pin for connecting said thumb-receiving member to said adjustable handle portion and for allowing said thumb-receiving member to pivot thereabout,  
and

a spring operably engaged with said pin and for causing said thumb-receiving member to return to the first position after same is caused to move to the second position..

2. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 1, further comprising:

an elongated finger stop having a first end portion connected to said handle portion of said first member and having an opposed second end portion extending outwardly and rearwardly from said handle portion of said first member.

3. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 1, further comprising:

a bumper member connected to said handle portion of said first member and extending outwardly therefrom and towards said adjustable handle portion of said

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second member, said bumper member assisting to prevent said adjustable handle portion from contacting said handle portion of said first member during operating conditions.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 1, wherein said handle portion of said first member has an aperture formed therein for receiving an appendage of a user therethrough, said pair of scissors further comprising an insert removably disposed about an inner perimeter of said aperture for providing comfort during operating conditions.

6. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 5, wherein said insert is formed from rubber material.

7. (Currently Amended) A pair of scissors comprising:

a first member including a cutting portion and a handle portion integral therewith;  
and

a second member pivotally connected to said first member and being disposed therebeneath, said second member including a cutting portion and an adjustable handle portion integral therewith, said adjustable handle portion including a thumb-receiving member and means for selectively pivoting same between first and second positions so that a user can operably move a thumb into and out of said adjustable handle portion;

said selectively pivoting means including:

a pin for connecting said thumb-receiving member to said adjustable handle portion and for allowing said thumb-receiving ~~portion~~ member to pivot thereabout, and

a spring operably engaged with said pin and for causing said thumb - receiving member to return to the first position after same is caused to move to the second position.

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8. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 7, further comprising:

an elongated finger stop having a first end portion connected to said handle portion of said first member and having an opposed second end portion extending outwardly and rearwardly from said handle portion of said first member.

9. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 7, further comprising:

a bumper member connected to said handle portion of said first member and extending outwardly therefrom and towards said adjustable handle portion of said second member, said bumper member assisting to prevent said adjustable handle portion from contacting said handle portion of said first member during operating conditions.

10. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 7, wherein said handle portion of said first member has an aperture formed therein for receiving an appendage of a user therethrough, said pair of scissors further comprising an insert removably disposed about an inner perimeter of said aperture for providing comfort during operating conditions.

11. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 10, wherein said insert is formed from rubber material.

12. (Currently Amended) A pair of scissors comprising:

a first member including a cutting portion and a handle portion integral therewith;

a second member pivotally connected to said first member and being disposed therebeneath, said second member including a cutting portion and an adjustable handle portion integral therewith, said adjustable handle portion including a thumb-receiving member and means for selectively pivoting same between first and second positions so that a user can operably move a thumb into and out of said adjustable handle portion; and

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a bumper member connected to said handle portion of said first member and extending outwardly therefrom and towards said adjustable handle portion of said second member, said bumper member assisting to prevent said adjustable handle portion from contacting said handle portion of said first member during operating conditions;

said selectively pivoting means including:

a pin for connecting said thumb-receiving member to said adjustable handle portion and for allowing said thumb-receiving ~~portion~~member to pivot thereabout, and

a spring operably engaged with said pin and for causing said thumb - receiving member to return to the first position after same is caused to move to the second position.

13. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 12, further comprising:

an elongated finger stop having a first end portion connected to said handle portion of said first member and having an opposed second end portion extending outwardly and rearwardly from said handle portion of said first member.

14. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 12, wherein said handle portion of said first member has an aperture formed therein for receiving an appendage of a user therethrough, said pair of scissors further comprising an insert removably disposed about an inner perimeter of said aperture for providing comfort during operating conditions.

15. (Original) The pair of scissors of claim 12, wherein said insert is formed from rubber material.